

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

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Art Unit

2621

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(2) Mr. Joel Meyer (Reg. No. 37,677).

Status of Application: _____

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Date of Interview: 22 November 2005

Time: 1:00pm

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claim 48 with regard to prior art Soltesz et al.

Claims discussed:

claim 48

Prior art documents discussed:

Soltesz et al. (US 2001/0011680 A1)

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

JOSEPH MANCUSO
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(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner contacted Mr. Meyer after the pre-appeal brief was filed on 10/3/2005. The applicant's arguments were persuasive to withdrawn the rejections made using the reference of Borza for all claims except for claim 48. Soltesz et al. anticipated the limitations of claim 48. The examiner suggested some amendment to the claim 48 to overcome the prior art. Tthe applicant agreed to amend the claim. Please see attached fax proposed amendment..



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Applicant's arguments with regard to Borza are persuasive.

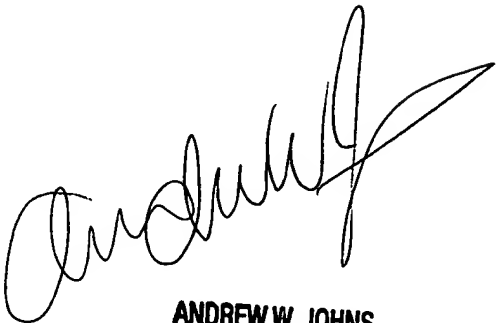
However, upon further review, it was noted that Soltesz et al (hereinafter, "Soltesz") (US 2001/0011680 A1) appears to anticipate claim 48: Specifically, Figure 4 of Soltesz shows capturing biometric information associated with a digital camera user (element 103) and automatically associating this information with the image output by the digital camera (image from camera 108 is associated with biometric data in the encryption and storage module 114).

Because all the other claims are now considered allowable and in the interest of expediting the allowance of this application, we would propose amending claim 48 as set forth below, to better distinguish over Soltesz.

Proposed amendment to claim 48:

Line 7, change "automatically associating" to -- steganographically encoding --

Line 8, change "with" to -- in --

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew W. Johns", with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

**ANDREW W. JOHNS
PRIMARY EXAMINER**